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**EMBARRASSED:** Guest house owners Sue and Ron Cooper, of Garden Lodge, Densole, say Folkestone needs a drastic transformation if tourists are to make a return visit – at the moment, too many are disappointed at what they discover

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE owner of a popular guest house has blasted Folkestone as being “like a wilderness” and warned tourists will not come back unless something is done.

Sue Cooper, who runs the four-star Garden Lodge in Densole, said areas like the pleasure beach and the harbour required a radical makeover to ensure visitors returned.

Plans for the transformation of Folkestone harbour, including a university campus, ice rink, exhibition area, fast ferry port and 1,400 homes, have been put on hold due to the financial downturn.

The masterplan was drawn up by respected architects Foster and Partner, who also designed the Folkestone Academy.

Mrs Cooper said that despite a bumper year so far, with tourists taking holidays in this country instead of going abroad, many were disappointed when saw the sights.

She said: “One of the first things I’m asked is ‘Where is the pleasure beach?’. They follow the signs but find nothing but a desert. It’s like a wilderness and it’s very embarrassing. It looks a complete shambles and is very desolate.”

“We need to know when the development is going to take place – it cannot be left looking a mess for such a length of time.

“We just feel that we are all working very hard to bring tourists to the area, with good quality accommodation, but we are getting very little support from the council and no support from the developers of the seafront.”

Mrs Cooper said their guest house, in

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# Matt defies illness to find new direction

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A HYTHE man who was on the verge of death has defied the odds by making a full recovery and raising money for charity.

Matt Ransley, 28, suffered from the rare and life-threatening condition arteriovenous malformation, or AVM, which is caused when connections between arteries and veins in the brain create a dangerous cluster of blood vessels, which can rupture and leave permanent damage.

Matt, who has lived in Hythe since he was 10, when his family moved down from London, said he was lucky to be alive, and the experience had changed his perspective on life.

He said it happened completely unexpectedly, when he was playing football with friends in Folkestone in the summer of 2003.

"The game had just finished and I started feeling dizzy and faint. I walked over to the side and the next thing I knew I woke up in hospital after a fit and a haemorrhage."

He had been flown by helicopter to King's College Hospital in London and was placed on a waiting list to receive radiation treatment, known as gamma knife surgery, which is used to target areas of the brain.

Matt said: "It was a year-long wait before I had the scan in Harley Street to receive the treatment."

"While I waited for the radiation to do its job, I suffered four more brain haemorrhages and several fits."

"Sometimes I experienced this strange aura sensation, when your body becomes numb and you feel this real big adrenaline surge."

During this time he linked up with TAFE, an organisation which provides support for those with the condition. Earlier this month, Matt



**DETERMINED:** Matt Ransley has now set up his own catering company called Red Pepper

joined 200 other people in San Francisco for a charity walk which raised more than \$10,000 towards work on AVM.

Despite being declared fit and healthy before Christmas last year, he said the greatest hurdle remained finding work.

He said: "As soon as job interviews got to the final stage and the medical elements, it suddenly all changed."

Matt now runs his own catering business, Red Pepper, in Hythe.

He said: "I wanted to prove I could do something for myself and this is what I enjoy doing."

AVM is not thought to be hereditary, but research is ongoing into its causes. In America up to five per cent of the population are thought to have an unruptured aneurysm which could lead to the onset of the condition.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Three arrested after knife attack in city

THREE men have been arrested in Folkestone after a horrific machete attack in Peterborough which left the victim seriously injured.

Police confirmed the three had been picked up in the town centre in the early hours of Friday after the incident the previous day, where a man was said to be left staggering with a head wound and some of his fingers possibly severed.

It is not known what connection the suspects may have, if any, to Folkestone, or why they headed there.

According to Peterborough's Evening Telegraph newspaper, the attack happened in the Millfield area of the city at 11.20am.

Shocked witnesses reported the victim being slashed by an attacker wielding what was thought to be a machete or butcher's knife.

Armed police arrived to seal off Peterborough's train and bus stations and dozens of officers combed streets close to where the attack happened.

Ambulance crews treated the victim at the scene and an air ambulance then took him to hospital. Police have not named him.

A police spokesman said: "Kent Police did arrest three men in the early hours of May 8 on behalf of Cambridgeshire Police. The men were transferred to Cambridgeshire."

It is understood the men were brought back to Peterborough for questioning.

## Water pipes replaced to reduce leakage

WORK to reduce the risk of burst pipes and leakage has been carried out by Folkestone and Dover Water.

Schemes in Hawkinge, Hythe, Lydden and Stowting were completed on or ahead of schedule, with more than five kilometres of older pipes replaced with polyethylene material.

Several schemes involved road closures and diversions, with care taken to keep disruption to a minimum.

Water regulator Ofwat has set FDWS a target of 8.2 megalitres per day when it comes to leakage, with the company reporting itself ahead at 7.89 megalitres over 2007/08.

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# Family of Gurkha killed in action can stay in UK



**LOST IN ACTION:** Corporal Kumar Pun died when a suicide bomber attacked his patrol vehicle in Afghanistan

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE family of a Gurkha soldier based at Shorncliffe Barracks who was killed in Afghanistan will not be deported, according to the UK Border Agency.

Corporal Kumar Pun, who was from the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, died when a suicide bomber crashed into the patrol vehicle he was travelling in, in the Gereshk region of the Helmand province.

The 31-year-old was among four soldiers killed in Afghanistan on Thursday.

According to reports in a national newspaper, his widow Parbati and two daughters Klaudine and Petrina, who live in Dover, were told by officials they could be ordered to return to Nepal.

However, the UK Border Agency has furiously denied these claims.

A spokesman said: "We will not curtail this lady's leave."

"We would not seek to remove the widow of any soldier killed in action, whether they are a Gurkha, a foreign or a Commonwealth soldier. "A soldier's spouse or dependants would almost certainly be granted settlement after applying for leave to stay in the UK."

Fellow Gurkhas have paid tribute to Cpl Kumar, who was described as a "caring and down-to-earth man".

His friend and comrade, Lance Corporal Deepak Thapa, said: "Cpl Kumar was the best and closest friend of mine."

"When I heard the shocking news that he was no more in this world, I did not believe it, but it dawned on me later that I had lost my best friend forever."

"Kumar, you are my best friend. I can never forget you and you will be missed forever."

Major Chris Conroy, officer commanding Foxtrot Company, 2nd Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, said: "Cpl Kumar was a man of unique character and virtue."

"As a soldier he was unstintingly professional, calm and respectful of all, never failing to help and always willing to volunteer."

"A man of considerable experience, he was the guide and mentor to many an officer and non-commissioned officer. His advice was always considered, well-delivered and polite."

"As a father and husband he took great pride in his family and children."

## Campaigners

Cpl Kumar is the third Gurkha to die in Afghanistan, following the deaths of Rifleman Yubraj Rai and Colour Sergeant Krishnabhadur Dura.

The latest death comes amid the continuing row over the rights of Gurkha veterans who retired before 1997 to remain in the UK.

Campaigners argue that they should be given the same residency rights as soldiers from other Commonwealth countries who fight for the British Army.

Immigration minister Phil Woolas has agreed to include campaigners, led by actress Joanna Lumley, and opposition parties in drawing up new rules after a historic Commons defeat for the Government on the issue last month.



## Dance school's battle goes to MP

SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard receives a petition from Joyce Welford containing more than 600 signatures against the closure of a popular Folkestone dance school.

JB's Dance Club, off Tontine Street, is under threat of demolition after Josh de Haan, son of former Saga boss Roger de Haan, served notice on its lease, as reported in last week's Yourshepway.

Protestors say the school – which has more than 350 members, including 100 children – has been established in the town for the past 40 years and closing it down would mean the loss of a vital and thriving heart of the community.

The studio backs on to the disused Pipers nightclub and its kitchen and bar area forms part of the structure, detached from the main ballroom. But under the proposals, both could be torn down to make way for new office blocks.

Josh de Haan said he was helping the school find an alternative building nearby and no decisions or planning applications had been made for the site.

## 'Make most of what we've got'

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Canterbury Road, had been booked out over Easter for the first time in 20 years but was afraid that many of those who stayed would not want to return in future.

Chris Kirkham, of tourism body Discover Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh, said in response that it was a matter of perception and the town had many attractive features.

He said: "Folkestone's a very beautiful town and we should be making the most of what we've got."

"Many other seaside resorts don't have the classic Victorian architecture and grassy, cliff-top walks which we have. We can't compete with the likes of Brighton when it comes to theme parks, but it depends on what it is you're looking for."

Peter Bettley, a spokesman for the Folkestone Harbour Company, which is behind the development plans, said: "Background work is continuing with potential partners, the Environment Agency and Network Rail, to assess the potential to deliver the scale of development that was described in Foster's masterplan."

"The work is complicated, but steady progress is being made. The site is clearly of great importance to Folkestone and it is worth spending time in getting the right long-term result for the town."

## Canal's spectacular Venetian festival on target to impress

WITH three months to go before this year's Hythe Venetian Festival, organisers say preparations are going to plan and promise a spectacular programme of entertainment for thousands of visitors.

Staged every two years on the Royal Military Canal, the five-hour show features daylight and after-dark processions of floating tableaux, music and entertainment by live performers and a grand fireworks display.

The event, on Wednesday, August 19, will be the culmination of a year of detailed planning by a small committee of the not-for-profit Hythe Venetian Fete Society, whose team of more than 200 volunteers will make sure the day goes without a hitch.

Fete society chairman John Schoner said enthusiasm for the biennial show was as great as ever.

He said: "Seat tickets are selling well, and companies and organisations which have not entered floats before are coming up with new ideas to add jollity to the occasion."

"Because of the recession, some traditional sponsors have dropped out this year, and we would welcome the support of businesses which would like to be associated with this unique crowd-pulling event."

"The fete incurs considerable costs and it is necessary that the society not only covers the expenses of this one but also builds a reserve of funds for up-front expenditure for the next, due in 2011."

Gates open at 4pm on the day, with entertainment starting at 5pm and the daylight procession, headed by a ceremonial barge carrying the mayors of the historic Confederation of the Cinque Ports in full regalia, at 7pm. When dusk falls, the floats will be illuminated.

Five free-admission band concerts on the canal bank have been organised, starting at 7pm on Saturday, August 15, 3pm on Sunday, August 16, and 7pm on the following Monday and Tuesday.

For more information, go to [www.venetian-fete.com](http://www.venetian-fete.com).

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## Take your marks for half-marathon

DETAILS of the Folkestone half-marathon 2009 have been announced by organisers the Rotary Club.

The event will be on Sunday, September 27, from 10am. The 13-mile route will start from The Leas, passing through the town, on to the promenade to Hythe and back, returning up Road of Remembrance and finishing back at The Leas.

There will be prizes for the first-placed team and first male and female runners within different age categories. The male and female winners will each receive £100, sponsored by Independent Insurance Services.

The entry fee is £13 affiliated, £15 unaffiliated. For those who enter after September 23 and on the day, the cost will be £15 and £17 respectively. For more details or to download an entry form, visit [www.folkestonerotary.org](http://www.folkestonerotary.org) or register and pay online at [www.runner-world.co.uk/events](http://www.runner-world.co.uk/events).

## Aiming to achieve

A WORKSHOP which aims to empower and motivate people to achieve more is to open in Folkestone.

Aimachievers claims to use methods which "guarantee measureable improvements", whether it be in health, wealth or relationships.

The Get Fixed Quick workshop takes place on Sunday, May 31, from 6-9pm at the Bar Below in The View, 6-8 Aspen House, West Terrace. Tickets are £25 or £40 for two, to register go to [www.aimachievers.com](http://www.aimachievers.com). Otherwise e-mail [info@aimachievers.com](mailto:info@aimachievers.com) or call 07792 677953.

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# Dungeness: what price now for a new plant?

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

PLANS for a new nuclear power station at Dungeness could be in doubt if it is not chosen as one of two sites being promoted to developers.

Land next to the B reactor is in direct competition with Heysham in Lancashire after owner EDF reached an agreement with the Government to sell up and allow more operators into the market.

If a new reactor at Dungeness is eventually approved, it could see up to 2,000 workers employed during construction and 350-450 over a 60-year period.

Should it not be chosen, the site will remain with EDF, but the energy giant has already indicated it would prefer to build its own reactors at two other locations: Sizewell in Suffolk and Hinkley Point in Somerset.

As a result, Dungeness could slip further down the pecking order by the time it comes to

approve the next generation of nuclear stations, with the possibility it could miss out altogether.

However, an EDF spokesman said there were "various processes" and plenty of "ifs and buts" which needed to be taken into consideration before any decision was made, including the Government's own strategic siting assessment and planning permission.

EDF's director of new nuclear build, Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson, said: "We believe these sites have good potential and will be attractive to potential developers of nuclear power plants."

"This is an important step towards the Government's objective of competition in new nuclear build in the UK."

"It goes hand in hand with our own plans to build and operate four EPRs (European pres-

surised reactors) in the UK, with the first operational by the end of 2017, as we seek to help address the country's long-term energy issues."

An EDF spokesman could not comment on which nuclear operators had expressed interest in either site up for sale and was not able to say exactly when a decision between the two would be made.

"It depends to some extent on the purchaser's timetable, but it is also necessary to allow enough time for bidders to carry out due diligence," the spokesman said.

"The successful bidder will have the right to carry out further investigations before deciding which site to secure."

The last opportunity to comment on the application at Dungeness is tomorrow (Thursday). Go to [www.nuclearpowersiting.decc.gov.uk](http://www.nuclearpowersiting.decc.gov.uk).

A shortlist of those sites judged to be suitable will be published in a national nuclear policy statement due next year, which will also go out for consultation.

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The spirit of Pink Floyd is coming to Shepway with Europe's number one tribute show.

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The setlist ranges from Floyd's 1967 breakthrough hit Arnold Layne to Seventies album favourites Money, Us And Them, Breathe, Shine On You Crazy Diamond, Great Gig In The Sky, Comfortably Numb and Wish You Were Here.

Tickets for the show at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on Saturday, May 23, are £20. To book, call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or online at [www.leascliffhall.org.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.org.uk).

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BEHIND BARS: Gang members (from left) David Manser, Giedrius Kavaliauskas and Jamie Hackett

# Channel cocaine smugglers get total of 54 years

FIVE men who attempted to smuggle drugs valued at £70,000 into the UK through Hythe have been sentenced to a total of 54 years in jail.

The elaborate conspiracy saw large quantities of cocaine smuggled across the Channel from France using high-speed inflatable boats, between September 2007 and March 2008.

The men were sentenced after three pleaded guilty and two others were found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court. One man was acquitted.

Of those who pleaded guilty, Nicolas Anthony Chappell, 47, from Larkfield, received 18 years for conspiring to supply controlled drugs and five years for money-laundering, to run concurrently.

Neil Hackett, 33, from Bexleyheath, was sentenced to 11 years and given a three-year travel restriction order, which applies from the day he is released.

Jamie Hackett, 25, of Bexleyheath, received nine years.

Giedrius Kavaliauskas, 28, of Worthing, and David Michael Manser, 26, of Larkfield, were both found guilty and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

Paul Andrew Proud, 47, from London, was acquitted. The investigation started when a high-speed inflatable boat was seen landing on a beach at Hythe at about 6.30am on Saturday, September 5, 2007.

A witness said the boat and those aboard were met by four other men on the beach. Several black holdalls were taken from the boat to a waiting vehicle, which then drove away at speed.

Police were called and they found four men loading the boat on to a van. The men claimed to have been fishing despite having no proper equipment or clothing. At about 5.30am on Thursday, March 27, 2008, a similar incident was again noticed on the same beach.

The witness was able to give crucial evidence and described the drug-smuggling as being executed like a military operation.

Officers from the serious and organised crime unit (Socu) quickly traced those

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

involved and police searched Chappell's home in Larkfield. There they found high-grade cocaine with a street value of more than £70,000. Among the haul was also a large amount of cash, the inflatable boat and sea equipment. Chappell had a previous conviction for drug-smuggling.

Police also discovered marine equipment, including other inflatable boats suspected of being used in September 2007, at the home and offices of Neil Hackett.

Detective Sergeant John McDermott, who led the investigation, said: "This is a very satisfying conclusion to what has been an intensive, meticulous and lengthy investigation across Kent, London and northern France involving painstaking work by my team of detectives and the Crown Prosecution Service.

"These five men were part of a significant, organised crime group that was probably one of the most prolific gangs involved in this type of criminality. Throughout the investigation they lied, tried to divert attention away from the facts and refused to cooperate when questioned. In dismantling this group and bringing these men to justice, we have probably saved lives.

"Drug-trafficking fuels all sorts of criminality and has a devastating effect on the lives of already vulnerable people."

In sentencing, Judge Griffiths Jones described the drug-smuggling operation as "a well-planned and drilled operation".

The judge said they "sought to make huge profits from human misery".

About Chappell, the judge said: "I have no doubt he was at the heart of this operation and the ringleader who recruited others."

Chappell's conviction in 2000 – which involved a similar offence – was taken into account. Neil Hackett was described as a "trusted lieutenant" of Chappell's.



LEADER: Nicolas Chappell, from Larkfield, was jailed for 18 years



NUMBER TWO: Neil Hackett was described as a 'trusted lieutenant'

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Culture festival launch

DETAILS for this year's Folkestone Multi-Cultural Festival will be unveiled with plenty of fanfare at Bouverie Place shopping centre this weekend.

Music will be provided by Whitstable Samba Band, who will be among those performing at the four-day event in June.

Last year's festival attracted thousands of revellers, with the 2009 programme promising even more. The line-up includes musicians, dancers, drummers, circus acts and craftsmen and represents many of the cultures which contribute to the life of the town. Organiser Barbara Witham said: "The emphasis will be on family fun."

Programmes for the festival, which runs from June 11-14, will also be available.

The launch is on Saturday from noon. For more information call 01303 850522 or e-mail barbara.witham@gmail.com.

### Sports centre quiz night

A QUIZ is being held on Saturday to help raise money for Folkestone Sports Centre's new minibus.

Spot prizes, tombola and even a wooden spoon will be on offer on the night, being hosted by Folkestone Lions.

A table of six is £20, with drinks available at the bar. Guests are invited to take their own snacks.

Application forms are available from the sports centre's reception in Radnor Park Avenue.

For more information, call 01303 278644.

### Help during the downturn

FACTSHEETS for businesses have been produced by Shepway council to help them during the downturn.

They outline measures agreed by the council and the Shepway Economic Regeneration Partnership, including reducing the time it takes to pay invoices, providing regulation information and promoting the national business rate relief campaign.

Funding opportunities for rural businesses are also available through the Kent Downs and Marshes Local Action Group. To request a pack, email regeneration@shepway.gov.uk or phone 01303 853393.

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Keeping Up With The Joans

Sunday 7th  
Central Band of The Royal British Legion

Saturday 13th  
An Audience with Sally Morgan

Sunday 14th  
Ali Campbell in Concert

Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th  
OLIVER - Open Auditions

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st  
Margate's Big Event

JULY 2009

Friday 3rd  
The TAKE THAT Experience

Saturday 4th  
Anything For Love  
Thursday 9th - Saturday 11th  
Children's Showtime 2009

Sunday 12th  
DAPA Graduation Show

Thursday 16th - SOLD OUT  
The Kooks in Concert

Friday 17th  
Three Degrees plus support

Saturday 18th  
'Dancing Days'

Friday 24th-Sunday 26th  
Margate Big Sky Jazz Festival

August 25th  
In Dreams

featuring music from Roy Orbison

Friday 31st  
The Real Thing

AUGUST 2009

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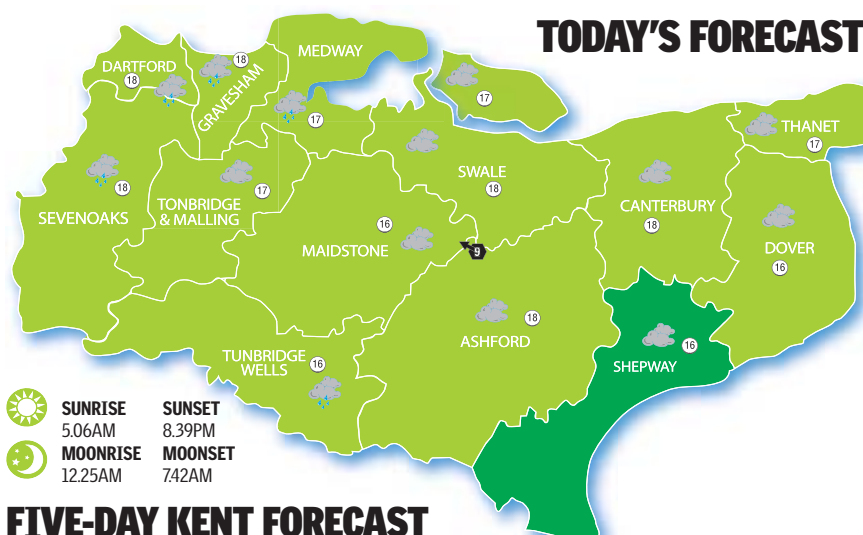
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Dover	Saturday	4:36pm	5.5m
	Sunday	5:37pm	5.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:23pm	6.2m
	Sunday	5:27pm	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:06pm	4.2m
	Sunday	6:07pm	4.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:42pm	4.8m
	Sunday	6:30am	4.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	5:52pm	4.5m
	Sunday	6:47am	4.4m



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## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	15°C	19°C	16°C	15°C	15°C	Gravesend	15°C	19°C	15°C	15°C	15°C
Canterbury	14°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	15°C	Maidstone	14°C	18°C	15°C	15°C	14°C
Chatham	12°C	17°C	13°C	13°C	13°C	Ramsgate	14°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	15°C
Dartford	15°C	19°C	15°C	15°C	15°C	Rochester	12°C	17°C	13°C	13°C	13°C
Dover	12°C	16°C	14°C	14°C	14°C	Sevenoaks	12°C	17°C	14°C	13°C	13°C
Faversham	12°C	17°C	13°C	13°C	13°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	17°C	13°C	13°C	13°C
Folkestone	12°C	16°C	14°C	14°C	14°C	Tonbridge	13°C	18°C	15°C	15°C	14°C
Gillingham	12°C	17°C	13°C	13°C	13°C	Tun Wells	13°C	18°C	15°C	15°C	14°C

## Two more planes to be based at Lydd airport

LYDD airport has stepped up its long-running expansion campaign by announcing the arrival of new business, together with plans to open an engineering academy.

Trans Euro Air, which provides chartered passenger and cargo services, has moved into offices and based two of its fleet of small turbo-prop aircraft at the site.

A planning application for a new terminal building capable of handling 500,000 passengers a year, together with a new runway of more than 300ft, is to be decided by Shepway council this summer.

Louise Barton, of opposition group LAAG, cautiously welcomed the prospect of new job opportunities but said it was not enough to justify any further expansion.

She said: "Good luck to them if it helps them out financially – everyone is in favour of new employment on the Marsh. But that doesn't mean they need to expand any further."

"The airport is currently operating at less than one per cent of capacity, so this will help, but only in an extremely minor way."

### Relocate

The air charter company offers taxi hire for groups of up to ten people, specialising in transport to sporting events, and also operates out of Southend airport in Essex.

Commercial manager Matt Case said: "Initially we are basing two of our fleet at Lydd, with additional aircraft due to relocate here at a future date."

Lydd managing director Cliff Spink said about Trans Euro Air: "Their arrival is a further sign of the growing confidence being shown in the ability of Lydd to attract a wide mix of air-transport companies."

"In recent months we have been in negotiation with a number of aviation-related businesses about moving to Lydd and I'm confident there will be more positive news."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### LUKE JOHNSON



#### Q Tell us a little about yourself

**A** I was born in Halifax, West Yorkshire. I'm president of The Kent Motorcycle Society (KMS) at the University of Kent, where I'm studying Law and French.

#### Q What is KMS?

**A** KMS is a university society. We have around 25 members who are university students. Others that come along are either ex-students or are friends from London and around Kent. The society started four years ago, when a friend decided it would be good for all the students on campus with motorbikes to socialise. We go to the pub during the week and at weekends we go riding. Since I took the presidency this year, membership has grown. We've started looking at ways to teach people to ride. This year we have had free taster sessions with South East Motorcycles at Thanet and the society subsidises the test fee.

#### Q How did you get involved?

**A** The university runs a freshers' fare at the start of every year where the new students come along and check out the different societies on campus. I'd heard about the KMS and really wanted to join. I'd just passed my bike test when I started university so I wanted to get out on the road with everybody. I had a

field bike when I was 13 that I had paid for by doing two paper rounds. I sold that and always wanted to get riding again. After I had lived in Japan for a while I saw a bike out there that I really liked, so when I got back I bought one and spent six months polishing it before I passed my test. When I got riding again, the bike got cleaned less and less. It was far more fun to ride than polish.

#### Q What kind of events do you hold?

**A** We all go riding most weekends and attend the bike shows in London, which did take some organising in previous years. However, the university has been really good and paid for us to be trained to drive the minibuses, which they provide for free. That's made it a lot easier to get everybody involved. We've also had trips over to France and across Europe. We're planning a camping trip to the Isle of Man TT this year.

#### Q How can people get involved?

**A** Membership is limited to university students, but we welcome anybody along as if they were. People can always send us an email. We're happy to offer general advice and information. If people would like to come riding then we'd welcome them along too. We send out email updates giving details of rides and trips. If anybody is interested in being

added to our mailing list they can send us their details by email.

#### Q Do you ever get compared to the Hell's Angels?

**A** I had a cruiser last year and liked to picture myself as Arnold Schwarzenegger, but it wasn't really happening. A lot of the lads ride sports bikes, so we're all about the speed – the image carries itself.

#### Q What is your favourite bike?

**A** Norton, the old British marque, is to start producing bikes again after around 40 years of being defunct. I'd love to get my hands on one of the new ones but there's a limited run of 200 this year until production steps up and there'll be a lot of competition to get one!

#### Q Do you think biking is dangerous?

**A** Anybody who's never tried biking would tell you it's dangerous. Biking is just as safe as being in a car or on a bus. I've never had a bump, crash, scratch or fall. I'm living proof that being on two wheels doesn't carry life threatening injuries with it. I've never been in a difficult situation I wasn't able to avoid with a bit of quick manoeuvring.

• To be added to the mailing list, email KMS at [kentmotorcyclesociety@gmail.com](mailto:kentmotorcyclesociety@gmail.com)

Q & A

The president of the Kent Motorcycle Society and student at University of Kent spoke to **Laurence Mozafari** about what the club does, his favourite bike and imagining himself as Arnold Schwarzenegger



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# 'Lusty' salute to Navy pioneers

THE flagship of the Royal Navy, HMS Illustrious, steamed majestically around the coast of Kent on its way to a royal reception.

Setting out from Portsmouth, the 22,000-tonne aircraft carrier headed out into the English Channel and rounded Dungeness before sailing past Dover, around Thanet, past the Isle of Sheppey and under the bridge at Dartford before mooring off Greenwich.

The cruise formed part of the celebrations marking 100 years of naval aviation – the service acquired its first airship in 1909.

Guest of honour on board for a special dinner was Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, who was joined by defence secretary John Hutton.

During the voyage the Navy's head of aviation, Rear Admiral Simon Charlier, arrived on board at the controls of a Merlin helicopter.

"I love flying," he said. "And when you are an admiral, it's easy to get the controls."

The officer, who attended Dover College where he captained the sailing team, said: "This centenary is a big celebration. After two world wars and other conflicts, we are looking to the future and I know our proud traditions will be maintained."

HMS Illustrious is the nation's strike carrier, with Harrier jets and helicopters flying from its deck.

The ship is responsible for home defence and protecting air power abroad, having recently been deployed off both Iraq and Afghanistan.

She is also a major factor in the UK's response to international disasters, assisting humanitarian operations in Mozambique and evacuating civilians from danger zones.

When HMS Illustrious sailed around the south coast to mark the centenary of naval aviation, our reporter **NICK AMES** was on board to meet the crew who patrol the high seas for Queen and country

**BRITISH SEA POWER:** HMS Illustrious sailed from Portsmouth to London to mark the centenary of naval aviation



**FLY AND MIGHTY:** Harrier on the carrier's flight deck

The ship – known affectionately as 'Lusty' by her crew – came into service in 1982 and is due to be retired in the next decade and replaced by two 'super carriers', the 63,000-tonne Queen Elizabeth II and Prince of Wales. "A lot of people don't really know what ships do," said Sub-

Lieutenant Matthew Winwood, from Gillingham, who is training to be a mine clearance diver.

"After all, they are usually out at sea. This is a chance for people to get a good look at us as we sail past the coast."

The captain of Illustrious is Ben Key, whose grandfather fought at the Battle of Jutland in the Great War. Capt Key, whose grandmother is from Canterbury, explained his role.

"I have the best job in the Royal Navy," he said. "My task is to take whatever I am asked

to do by the Commander-in-Chief and achieve it. I have to ensure all the potential, talent and energy among my crew is pointing in the same direction to achieve the goal we aim for."

Before embarking on her voyage, Illustrious

was moored next to the Navy's newest warship, the Type 45 destroyer HMS Daring, the most advanced combat vessel in the world.

She then sailed south past the Isle of Wight where a Harrier jet piloted by Lt Paul Francis touched down on deck.

Sea King, Merlin and Lynx helicopters followed and were all on parade as the ship sailed through the Thames Barrier – with just a few feet of clearance each side – and arrived in London last Wednesday. For trainee officer Dan Howes, from Lydden, it was quite an experience.

"It is really my first time at sea," he said. "But I know what I want to do – fly Harriers. It must be an incredible buzz."

His friend and fellow trainee Dominic Savage, from Whitstable, said: "My father was in the Navy, as was my grandfather who fought in World War Two. I wanted to follow in their footsteps – and I'm glad I did."



**BLADE-RUNNER:** A Lynx helicopter on Illustrious



**CAPITAL GAINS:** Docklands and Canary Wharf provide an impressive backdrop for the carrier's arrival in London

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# Sally's cool idea which makes summer special

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Yet, as with so many things, just once in a while the mass-produced products find themselves eclipsed by something a little more, well, home grown.

And it is from Kent that one particular product has grown a reputation which seems to make it destined for national appeal.

As such, it fits perfectly our 2009 campaign encouraging our readers to support local growers, suppliers and producers, spearheaded by our

[www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) website.

Simply Ice Cream grew off the back of a successful catering business, an aspect of the overall package that proved such a hit with customers that they inundated caterer Sally Newall with demands for more.

Her home made recipe was proving a taste sensation and it quickly became apparent it was worth pushing as a business in itself.

The businesswoman started selling the ice cream through her local farmshop at Sellindge, near Ashford, in 2005. It started



**SIMPLY THE BEST:** Ice-cream maker Sally Newall

an incredible chain reaction. Six months later five more shops starting selling it; then 15 in 2007; and now it's stocked in 65 locations in and around Kent, landing a host of awards, and, more recently, securing a distribution deal to be stocked in Kent outlets

of the upmarket supermarket chain Waitrose. Just to enhance its proposition further, celebrity TV chef James Martin used the honeycomb variety on his BBC show Saturday Kitchen – and declared it the “best bought ice cream available”.

What's more, it uses as many locally produced flavours and fruits as possible.

Mrs Newall said: “We make it by hand. Traditionally, ice cream is made by skimmed milk powders and water and they can pump quite a lot of air in. So we've tried to make it like it used to be made.

“We use double cream, milk and sugar and fresh fruit. They are as natural as possible. The fruit is all from Kent when we can get it, – so last year we did strawberry, cherry, blackcurrant – and we try to source things as locally as possible.

“If we make it ourselves we know what goes into it. There are no additives or preservatives, which is at the heart of our ethos. We try to avoid that where possible.”

Mrs Newall was brought up in Kent and apart from a five-year stay in Australia, has lived in the same area of the county. The Simply Ice Cream business is based in the village of Bonnington, near Ashford.

“I am surprised at how it has taken off,” Mrs Newall said. “With all small businesses there are peaks and troughs and our business plan has always been to double our turnover year on year, which we have managed, but there are still some moments where I wonder what am I doing.”

After clinching the Waitrose deal, talks are now under way aimed at taking the product across the UK, spearheaded by its hugely popular Honeycomb Crunch variety.

## Cherries on the cake

A SPECTACULAR array of cherry blossoms greeted children visiting Doddington Gardens for the launch of a walk celebrating some of the county's finest fruit.

Pupils from Lynsted School were treated to a cream tea at the Produced in Kent event, which unveiled the cherry-inspired route as a taster for an expected bumper harvest.

Produced in Kent is supporting our campaign and our [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) website. The new 36 mile circular walk runs from Doddington church, following footpaths, quiet lanes and a mix of traditional and commercial orchards which will ripen in July. Produced in Kent is creating a brochure to tie in with its Cherry Ripe trail which will feature details of the firms selling the cherries to be found along the walk.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said: “We've all heard of the benefits of eating five a day and consuming more superfoods and Kent can stand proud and shout loud about its own super fruit. There is evidence that food grown, picked and consumed locally retains more of its natural goodness and cherries are packed with antioxidant vitamins A and C.”

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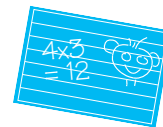
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# Safety first in testing times

A NEW health and safety test centre has opened at South Kent College.

It means students at the Dover, Ashford and Folkestone campuses no longer have to travel to Canterbury to sit the test.

People working on construction sites across Kent can also use the centre, based at the college's Ashford campus.

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme was set up to help the construction industry improve quality and reduce accidents. It covers hundreds of occupations in the field.

Linda Doran, South Kent College governor and head of economic development at regeneration company Future Co, opened the centre, saying it would ensure that training could be carried out locally.

"It's great to see the college moving forward with innovative training. Well done to all the staff," she said.

College staff are also being given the opportunity to obtain a permit.

Construction director Mike Stanley said: "It we are asking our students to get this qualification, it's only right the staff should get it, too, as well as making it easier for local

■ BY MARIJKE COX

businesses to improve skills and qualifications."

Stephen Simpson, 54, who owns 5S Drainage, was one of the first people to take the test, after 30 years in construction.

He said: "When I'm in a work situation, I know I'm competent but have no formal qualification."

"I'm used to going on site and doing a risk assessment, but the test makes you really think about it – there are some trick questions in there. I think this will really improve safety on sites."

His employee Jamie Webster, 22, is also taking the test and has already gained his NVQ level two qualifications; he is now working towards level three.

He said: "I want to pass this test so people will know I'm trained in health and safety."

Anyone interested in taking the Construction Skills Certification Scheme can visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk) for more information; alternatively, phone 0845 2078220.

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**SETTING THE RIGHT COURSE:** Governor Linda Doran with (seated, from left) Jamie Webster, Andy Lockyer, Trevor Carter and Stephen Simpson at South Kent College's new health and safety test centre

## BREAK TIME

### Tranquil floral haven in the peace garden

A PEACE garden is being created at Sandwich Technology School.

The school council – which is made up of pupils and eco-schools coordinator Susan Hibberd – is behind the innovative scheme.

The garden is divided into four areas: blue flowers to represent oceans and island communities; white flowers to signify snowy and mountainous regions; red and yellow plants for hot countries; and pink and purple for milder regions.

The peace garden club will meet every Wednesday from 2.15pm-3.15pm.

Members are looking for donations of plants, which can be sent to the school any day or brought in when attending the club.

The garden is being created under the eco-schools programme, which is a

Europe-wide initiative involving 40 countries. It aims to get schools involved in teaching green issues and showing pupils how to live in a sustainable way.

Visit [www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk](http://www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk) for more information about Sandwich Technology School.

### Sporting chance

DOVER College is getting ready for its annual sports day.

The event is on Friday, May 15, at the school's Farthingloe grounds.

Other schools from across the Dover district will also be participating.

For more information about Dover College, visit [www.dovercollege.org](http://www.dovercollege.org), or phone 01304 205969.

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Actress Joanna Lumley showed she's not just a pretty face with her battle to get justice for the Gurkhas



## Gurkha darling Joanna would be absolutely fabulous as PM

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She knows how to play the political game.

Her address to Gordon Brown says it all. "Now I feel we have got to the head man,"

Joanna said after her meeting. "The man at the top, the leader of our entire nation."

At a time when Gordon has very few friends – how he must have loved hearing that.

Flattery will get you everywhere when it comes to playing the political game, and laid on by an attractive woman it will certainly work wonders. But it is also her essential "goodness" at a time when so much of politics, the media and just about everything else is desperately cynical, which is so appealing.

Whether it be fronting travel shows where her enthusiasm, way with people and total lack of condescension set her apart from most other presenters or petitioning for Compassion in World Farming by taking piglets to Parliament, she manages to strike the right chord.

And what about her experience of life?

Compared with all who sit in Parliament and have made a career of politics she has it in abundance. A Bond girl in On Her Majesty's Secret Service, battling the country's enemies assisting a man armed only with a bowler hat

and another with the worst taste in ties ever on screen in the New Avengers, or cutting a swathe through the fashion business in Absolutely Fabulous – what can compare?

Oh, and a spot of time travel in Sapphire and Steel, which was a show I don't think anyone but me ever watched.

But it all adds up to someone who will bring colour, honesty and fun to Parliament.

Above all she is essentially English – with a slight schoolgirl manner to go with her undoubted sophistication.

The Gurkha campaign has been an undoubted success and let's hope for the right result. But it's time for Joanna to move on to bigger things.

She'd have Barack Obama, Nicolas Sarkozy and the rest of the male world leaders eating out of her hand. Step forward Joanna Lumley – your country needs you!

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## TALK TIME

### JANE MARTIN

The Kent tour guide spoke to us about being brought up in the county, what kind of visitors she caters for and her fascination with Romney Marsh



#### Tell us a little about yourself

I was born and brought up in Kent. I have been married to John for 31 years and we have spent most of our married life living in different parts of the world. With a life-long interest in history and my experience of showing visitors around, my dream was to become a driver/guide and have a company of my own doing what I've been doing for years but earning some money in the process.

#### Can you explain what Tours Of The Realm is and how it came about?

We offer sightseeing tours of rural and historic Britain to small and exclusive groups of up to five people, with a particular focus on Kent. Tours Of The Realm was founded by Denise Ryeland 15 years ago, and when she retired last year I bought the company from her.

#### What kind of client base is Tours Of The Realm aimed at?

I market Tours Of The Realm to quite a wide client base. Passengers coming in on cruises to Dover, visitors to London who wish to 'escape to the country' for a day or two, as well as British visitors who want to discover the hidden treasures and quirky delights of this area.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Town needs an end to Tory stunts

We all need to focus on getting Deal Town Council back on track.

This has not been helped by the Conservative town councillors and the Conservative parliamentary candidate organising photo opportunities and press briefings, especially when they are calling for the town council to suspend certain councillors.

They should know that no council in the country can suspend an elected councillor.

A council can ask a councillor not to take part in a meeting or part of a meeting where the councillor has an interest in the subject being discussed.

Only paid council employees can be suspended.

What the Conservatives can do, but haven't done, is put a complaint to the standards committee at Dover District Council, which acts as a local branch of the Standards Board for England in parish and town councils.

I can only suggest they haven't put in such a complaint because that could bring closure to this whole affair and would mean that wouldn't be able to broadcast their indignation in the Press for as long as possible.

What the town council and the town need is an end to Conservative stunts and a commitment from Conservative town councillors that they will work with the rest of us to solve the council's problems.

**Cllr Bryan Henderson (Labour)**  
Deal Town Council



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### Mr Duff, can you lift accusation?

I fail to see why Ray Duff requires clarification of the fund-

raising arrangements for the renovation of the 1890 Leas lift carriage (letters, April 29).

The aims and progress of this group, which has the full support of the local authority and has had wide publicity and press

coverage, have been common knowledge for well over two years.

The public is fully aware that all funds we raise are for the renovation and preservation of the sole remaining example of a stepped water-lift carriage - and for that purpose only.

There is no question of supplementing Shepway council's budget for the Leas lift complex.

Mr Duff alleges "people have apparently been donating thinking that the money collected is for the upkeep of the whole site, and not just the old carriage".

This can be taken as an accusation that the members of this group have been obtaining money under false pretences.

Mr Duff must either produce firm evidence to support his remarks or retract and apologise.

**J A Gill, chairman 1890 Stepped Leas Lift Carriage Renovation Project**

## You'd be bananas not to get involved

People in the UK are still not eating enough fruits and vegetables, despite evidence that they probably reduce your risk of cancer.

This is why World Cancer Research Fund's Fruity Friday campaign is so important in getting this message across.

Taking place on May 15, the aim of Fruity Friday is to encourage people in a fun way to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their diet.

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**Teresa Nightingale**  
World Cancer Research Fund

## Put pen to paper and win yourself £1,000

May I celebrate my 94th birthday by offering readers the opportunity to enter an annual short-story competition for which I am bequeathing an annual prize of £1,000?

The object is to celebrate the work of HG Wells, who 100 years ago made Folkestone and Sandgate the literary centre of the world.

The conditions of my bequest are that the stories, of up to 5,000 words, should have a local background and be handwritten.

The secondary aim is to revive this most important aspect of literacy, which is in danger of being lost.

This is not a sci-fi competition. Although Wells is best known for his futuristic stories, his main work enriched us by providing, like Dickens, an enduring picture of life at that time, and of courageous people carving out careers while beset with current problems.

Hopefully, the stories will provide our successors in 2100 with matching pictures of Kent life today.

The award has led to the planning of an annual HG Wells Festival,

which will culminate on September 20 with a presentation to the winner by a great grandson of Wells at The Grand in Folkestone.

Full details can be found at [wellsfestival.com](http://wellsfestival.com).

And while my award is aimed at those in education, residents and the elderly outside that area are not excluded.

I regard myself as still in part-time education.

**Reginald Turnill**  
Sandgate

## Council must learn how to trim waste

Deal is getting a temporary free parking period after 4pm to offset the lack of reduced charges from reduced VAT.

Good for them, but we all pay VAT, so what about Dover and Sandwich?

Following protests, the rest of us may also get some concessions – only fair.

Hopefully these will be implemented before VAT goes back up again.

Is this the politically-expedient least that Dover District Council thought it could get away with?

Personal observation as a Dover resident: until the mid-1960s, Dover shops, despite being nothing special, did reasonably well.

Parking – therefore access – was free, available and relatively unrestricted. Then councils started making life difficult and expensive

with parking restrictions and charges. Plus a one-way system that solved some traffic problems while creating others.

Decline had set in long before the advent of out-of-town shopping – which is normally blamed.

When Tesco moved out, there were still plenty of in-town alternatives people could have used but chose not to because Whitfield was so much easier than getting into town.

Ever since, councils have indulged in unsuccessful social engineering to reverse the trend – refusing to recognise or address the real cause.

Around the country, towns are starting to consider free parking and even de-pedestrianisation to revive town centres.

Official thinking needs a sea change. Parking must cease to be a council revenue stream.

‘What would you cut to pay for it?’ I hear.

For starters, trim waste: axe ‘non-jobs’, unnecessary publicity, events of doubtful economic value like big screens and Olympic torches.

One thing cut that shouldn’t have been cut is the advertising of planning applications in the Press – contemptuous as everyone isn’t online.

DDC could learn from another organisation I am part of, the Taxpayers’ Alliance, which has publications pointing out ways councils can (and have) reduced costs and tax.

**Ian Taylor**  
Association of British Drivers

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## Craig Chalmers finally plays Joseph as West End musical goes on the road

### JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Monday, May 25, to Saturday, May 30  
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



AFTER entertaining millions of television viewers in Any Dream Will Do, Craig Chalmers is finally playing his dream role.

Chalmers was among the aspiring actors who competed to win the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Facing stiff competition, Chalmers made it to the seventh show of the series, winning fans with his impressive performances and the fun edge he brought to Joseph's personality.

He was beaten to the prize by Lee Mead, but he is now delighting audiences all over the country in this touring production of the hugely popular musical.

Based on the Biblical story about a favourite son who is presented with a 'coat of many colours', the show started out as a short school performance in 1968. Over the years it was developed before being presented at the Edinburgh Festival in 1972, though it did not reach Broadway for another 10 years.

The show seemed to receive a new lease on life when an expanded version opened in London in 1991, with former Neighbours actor and pop star Jason Donovan in the lead role. Other stars to have played Joseph include television presenter Philip Schofield and Stephen Gateley of Boyzone fame.

The captivating story follows the adventures of Joseph, one of 13 sons and a dreamer with the ability to interpret his visions.

When it appears that these dreams signal Joseph's destiny – that he will rule over the others – his brothers become jealous of the amazing coat presented to him by their father.

Together they fake Joseph's death and break the terrible news to their father, while in reality they have sold



him as a slave and he is taken to Egypt to serve the rich Potiphar.

A misunderstanding with Potiphar's wife sees Joseph thrown in jail, but the Pharaoh hears of his ability to interpret dreams and releases him from prison. When Joseph predicts a period of great famine for Egypt, he is put in charge of emergency preparations and becomes the most powerful man in the land.

But the threat of crisis brings his traitorous brothers back into his life, begging for help from the boy they no longer recognise.

With unforgettable songs such as Any Dream Will Do and Close Ev'ry Door To Me, this is a colourful musical that will entertain the family.

Casting is subject to change and a different actor will play Joseph in the Wednesday matinee and 2pm Saturday performance.

To book tickets, phone 01892 530613/532072, or go to [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk).



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Local schools have become involved in this year's event through the Sacconi Quartet's partnership with the Creative Foundation-led Find Your Talent pathfinder project in Shepway.

Simon Langton Grammar School for Girls, in Canterbury, will be taking part in a separate initiative with the Kent Refugee Network.

Along with performances by the Sacconi Quartet (pictured), other highlights will



Picture: SUSSE AMBERG

include appearances by Northumbrian pipes and fiddle player Kathryn Tickell, classical/jazz trio Acoustic Triangle and a world premiere by composer Ivan Moseley.

There will also be an event to commemorate the 200th anniversary of composer

Haydn's death, featuring actor Roger Ringrose.

Concerts will be held at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe and at Quarterhouse.

For full listings, visit [www.sacconi.com](http://www.sacconi.com). To book, phone 01303 858500, or visit [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk)

## THE BEST IRISH CRAIC



Friday, May 29, to Monday, June 1  
Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone

JOIN a host of stars from the Emerald Isle for The Best Irish Craic and Country Break later this month.

The package includes three evenings of great entertainment from some of the best Irish performers around, from famous singers to hilarious comedians.

Music will be provided by Irish country stars Foster & Allen, John McNicholl, Gary Gamble, Philomena Begley, Brian Coll, Frankie McBride and Johnny McEvoy. Radio personality and singer Hugo Duncan will also be appearing, as will master musician Fiddler Adam.

There will be plenty of laughs on offer with comedy from Jimmy Cricket, comic



character Hill Billy Willy (above left) and John Linehan's hilarious alter ego May McFettridge (above right).

The weekend will be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the best of Irish entertainment in a seaside setting at



the Grand Burstin Hotel on The Harbour.

The break costs £199 per person, including three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast and admission to all the shows.

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## RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC



Saturday, May 16  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

CHART the success of legendary band Fleetwood Mac with a sensational tribute concert this weekend.

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac pays tribute to the timeless songs that made the band a respected musical force from the 70s to the 90s.

Formed in 1967 by Peter Green, Mick Fleetwood and John McVie, the band went on to release the critically acclaimed album Rumours with Stevie Nicks and Lindsay Buckingham.

Six professional musicians make up Rumours of Fleetwood Mac, a tribute act which enjoyed huge success on its tours from 2002 to 2004. Now the band returns to deliver high standards of



musicianship and tight harmonies in this exhilarating production.

The show features non-stop hits including Black Magic Woman, Albatross, Go Your Own Way, Dreams, Gypsy, Say You Love Me,

Sara, Oh Diane, Little Lies, Everywhere and many more.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50/£16.50. To book, call the box office on 0844 847 1776, or log on to the website at [www.leascliffhall.org.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.org.uk)

## SHEPWAY LEISURE

### Society springs into action at art exhibition

ENJOY artwork at the Folkestone Art Society's Spring Exhibition.

Opening tomorrow (Thursday) the exhibition will feature up to 200 pieces by professional and amateur artists. It can be seen at The Grand on The Leas, in Folkestone, until Monday (May 25).

The free exhibition is open from 10am to 5pm daily. For more information, visit [www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk](http://www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk)

### Animal park goes ape for gorilla celebration

SUPPORT the Year of the Gorilla by taking part in a special day at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe.

On Saturday (May 16) visitors can enjoy a fun-filled day of activities plus a chance to see a film by the Great Apes Film Initiative, Titus – Gorilla King.

Normal ticket prices apply, but to pre-book to view the film, phone 01303 264647 and make a small donation.

### Jazz group aim to give punters a Grand time

JOIN the Pete Abbott Group for an evening of live jazz at The Grand, in Folkestone, tomorrow (Thursday).

The group features Pete Abbott on guitar, Ivan Thompson of Hullabaloo fame on sax, Andy Wall on bass, Roger Jeffery on drums and vocalist Claire Harris.

The music starts at 8.30pm and admission costs £4. For details of upcoming events, visit [www.grand-uk.com](http://www.grand-uk.com), or call 01303 222222.

### Cold Shots offer night of sizzling hot rock

INDIE and rock fans can enjoy an evening of great live music at the Park Inn Hotel on Saturday (May 16).

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# Screen beauty Michelle aims to age gracefully

BY SHEREEN LOW

HOLLYWOOD is known for tossing aside older actresses faster than you can say 'Lights, camera, action'. But for Michelle Pfeiffer, who turned 51 last month, the roles continue to come in.

"I started getting asked how it feels to age in Hollywood when I was 35. I think it's changing. There are more actresses now who have crossed that threshold," says Michelle.

Most recently, she has played a witch-queen in *Stardust*, a singing villainous mother in *Hairspray* and an ageing French courtesan romantically involved with a younger man (played by Rupert Friend) in *Chéri*, released last weekend.

"This is my third movie doing that recently, but it's always welcome," smiles Michelle.

"The older I get, the younger my leading men get, which is interesting because it was the opposite when I was younger."

In real life, Michelle is happily married to TV writer and producer David E Kelley (Ally McBeal, Boston Legal) and the couple have two children – adopted 16-year-old daughter Claudia and 14-year-old biological son John.

The actress took a four-year hiatus in 2003 to spend more time with her family when they moved away from Los Angeles.

"I got harder finding projects that didn't entail me leaving home for long periods of time during the school year, so we moved," she explains.

"It was a big transition, much bigger than I anticipated – actually quite overwhelming."

"The move kept me occupied and distracted from my work. After we settled in, I realised how long it had been and I started to miss it."



AGE PERFECT: Michelle Pfeiffer as Lea de Lonval in *Chéri*

"I decided to come back to work and *Hairspray* was there, *Stardust* was there. It's been really fun and I've been lucky to have the opportunities I've had."

The star of films such as *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, *Dangerous Minds* and *Batman Returns*, where she played Catwoman, looks years younger than her age and isn't keen on cosmetic surgery to keep the wrinkles at bay.

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"Although the older you get, the harder it is to say never. It's easy to say that when you're 25," she says.

"I don't really object, I don't really care about plastic surgery one way or another. I suppose I object to bad plastic surgery, and too much of it is not a good thing."

Instead, she tries to maintain a healthy diet, although it's difficult to picture Michelle, who looks very slim in an elegant black dress and black Christian Louboutin heels, indulging in junk food.

Michelle's career spans nearly four decades and she has no plans to take it easy just yet.

"I've been working since I was 14, and I loved working from the moment I had my first job. I don't think I'll ever retire."

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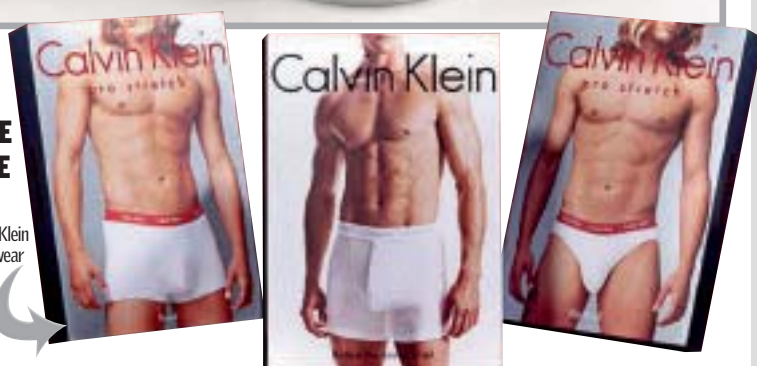
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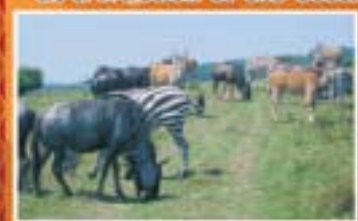
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Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447986 **1**

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Hi I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626 **1**

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Fun-to-be-with, happy, contented lady, 60, 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812 **1**

## ONLY LOVE

Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, GSOH, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791 **1**

## SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579 **1**

## START AGAIN

I would like to meet a kind gentleman. I'm a widowed woman, 63yrs young, hoping to find someone to share life with. Box 879987 **1**

## SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companion-ship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 448382 **1**

## PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Caring slim female, 64, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion, 60-68. Box 450581 **1**

## Women seeking women

## IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

I'm a 29yr old female, looking for new friends and maybe that special girl...let's have a meal and a drink and see what happens! Box 448722 **1**

## FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Hi I'm 37, new to town and would love to meet some genuine companions to socialise with and go out and have some fun. Box 880564 **1**

## FRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE

Feminine woman, easysgoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 448246 **1**

## TO SHARE LIFE

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## LOVERS PARADISE

Very independent guy, 27, 5ft7, medium built, own business, looking for someone to spend quality time with, friendship first, then maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451561 **1**

## STILL SEARCHING

Asian male, 27, 5ft7, own business, likes winning/dancing, music, movies and nights in, looking for a petite female to share my life with hopefully. Box 432549 **1**

## LOVE ME TENDER

Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200 **1**

## BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easysgoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165 **1**

## EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Down-to-earth sincere and intelligent guy, 36, looking for mature lady for friendship and possible relationship. Box 451231 **1**

## WHAT ELSE?

Great, life-loving 36yr old guy looking for love, enjoys socialising, films and cinema, cosy nights in and great nights out, looking for my soulmate. Box 880189 **1**

## EVERYTHING I DO

Lets, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720 **1**

## LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, working, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out with a smile! Box 883622 **1**

## HAND IN HAND

Divorced romantic, 46, medium build, solvent, likes holidays, 80s music, theatre, animals, sports, looking for that special woman to share my life with. Box 871654 **1**

## TLC ON OFFER

Hastings area, I'm a 47yr old guy, 5ft8, slim, into most things in life. WLTm genuine, attractive, loyal woman. I like cuddles, nights in, sport. Box 451367 **1**

## NEW BEGINNING

Sincere genuine man, 47, 5ft9, cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out with. Box 449554 **1**

## THE START OF SOMETHING LASTING?



# yourmusic

## Choose top ten acts for farm festival

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**BRAVE** festival chiefs are giving music fans the opportunity to choose ten Kent bands to play at the Lounge on the Farm weekender – in the You Say They Play online competition.

The contest – link below – allows web-users the chance to vote for their favourite acts from across the county.

The top ten will be given slots on the Merton Farm festival's main stage.

While I admire the Lounge organisers' trust in the noble pursuit of people power, voting and democracy, it's important to remember that these same rights saw Steve Brookstein win the X Factor.

Lesson being – the people don't always get it right.

But for now, KOS Media is embracing You Say They Play.

LOTF's Matt Gough said the competition arose from an huge abundance of choice.

"There are now just too many bands of a high quality within Kent that we just don't know who to, or how we could, choose between them anymore," he said.

"So this year, in order to bring the local bands that the ticket-holder wants to see, we are launching a brand-new competition to find the hottest ten bands in Kent to play on our main stage.

"We are anticipating around 200 local bands will register, with the potential voting numbers to reach 10,000.

"This is a sizeable event for the



**BANDS ON THE RUN:** CWB (above) and Felix Fables (left) are among the acts vying for your vote to play at the LOFT



local music scene within Kent. Local radio station CSR FM has signed up as media partner

and will be featuring tracks from the bands throughout the next six weeks on radio and online.

"In the middle of June the 'Farmers' Fifty' bands with the most votes will be taken into round two of the voting. Then everyone who has bought a ticket for the website, and affiliated members of the festival, will be allowed to vote again for the ten bands that they would like to see on the festival main stage."

Lounge runs from Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12.

The line-up already boasts the

likes of Edwyn Collins, The Horrors, Mr Scruff, Billy Childish and The Musicians of the British Empire, The Aliens and Dub Pistols.

For more on You Say They Play visit [www.yousaytheyplayloft.co.uk/home.htm](http://www.yousaytheyplayloft.co.uk/home.htm)

### CURRENT TOP TEN

- 1 Hooligan Village
- 2 CWB
- 3 French Crops
- 4 The Sketch
- 5 Midnight Carnival
- 6 The Facades
- 7 Simian Artillery
- 8 The ColourSound Experiment
- 9 Felix Fables
- 10 Neon Skies

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### KENT UNSIGNED GIG CHART

- 1 CWB – 28/5, Beercart Arms, Canterbury
- 2 The Semantic – 30/5, The Star, Gillingham
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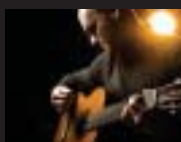
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# yourtimeout

## YOUR TV REVIEW



Picture: KEN MCKAY

**HOT STEPPERS:** Diversity seem to be a good bet for winning popular show Britain's Got Talent

■ BY TOM BETTS

**■ SNOG MARRY AVOID**  
BBC Three, 12.05am, Thursday  
**BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT**  
ITV1, 8.20pm, Saturday

IF there's a better reason to leave Britain this very instant than BBC Three's lamentable show Snog Marry Avoid, then I have yet to discover it.

Presented by Jenny Frost, formerly of Atomic Kitten, and a computer called POD, this is the kind of nonsense that makes you wonder why we pay our TV licence.

Each time we're faced with a selection of misfits who dress in an extreme, or inappropriate, manner.

Be that a fake tan-obsessed wannabe page three model, the cyber goth who "just wants to be different", or the recent self-declared "only male Barbie in Scotland" so orange he looked like he was hooked up to an intravenous drip filled with Tango...

The computer then gives them a make-under, not a make-over, to look more normal and presentable.

The results are always for the better, not that it seems to matter as the clothes and look are swept away by the subject who more often than not

decides it was better to go clubbing in a leotard with their bits hanging out.

This is often on as I drift off to sleep and has given me many nightmares. Perhaps time to stop on both my part and the BBC's.

I think it's fair to say the latest series of Britain's Got Talent has been a belter thus far.

Each week seems to foist a new star into the public eye.

Whether it's been the big story of Susan Boyle (now over 53 million YouTube hits for the original clip, and counting) or singing pizza delivery man Jamie Pugh, we have had a clutch of memorable TV moments.

The show has proved to be a huge draw once again and must now be a bigger asset to ITV than The X Factor because so many people seem to be able to relate to it.

It encapsulates the dreams of the elderly as well as the young and has become a genuine phenomenon.

For my money, dance act Diversity look like a good bet to go all the way this year. Their audition was spectacular and the guy who leads the troupe seems to already have an army of female fans who think he's swell, and he may well be.

Show six is on Saturday night – what new treats await?

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

THE demands of your social position are starting to wear on you. If you're the breadwinner, it may feel like you can never take a break for fear of financial collapse. Whatever your station in life, it's time to break out of your box. There's more to you than meets the eye.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

YOUR relationship status is giving you lots of angst. If you have a lover, your union isn't living up to your expectations. Perhaps one of you is outshining the other. An honest discussion is probably in order. If you are single, it may be because you've set your sights too high.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE tired of having to watch over a responsible adult. It's time to cut the apron strings, even at the risk of looking cruel. Enabling a romantic partner's neurosis is especially dangerous. Go to as many interviews as possible. You can talk your way into a prestigious company.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOUR moods are a roller-coaster ride, and no wonder. Someone close to your heart keeps sending conflicting signals. One minute they're fine, the next they're on the brink of collapse. They are playing you like a violin. Stop making yourself constantly available to their whims.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

EVERY time you hear the news, you go into a downward spiral. At times like these, it's important to remember you're getting only one side of the story. There is plenty of kindness in the world; it's just that it never makes the headlines. Expressing yourself clearly will help you avoid trouble.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

UNHEALTHY habits have a way of catching up on you. It may be time to revise your diet or step up your exercise regimen. By examining your motivations to neglect your physical health, you could turn a corner. Beware of pretending to know more than you do.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR overactive mind is causing you to lose sleep. There's no point overanalysing an emotional situation, you just have to walk away. The person is not prepared to find a workable solution. If you're suffering from heartache, this would be an ideal time to take a long distance trip.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT FEELS like your brain is on time delay. Instead of forcing yourself to pick up the pace, stop and take some emotional inventory. Have you been neglecting yourself in some way? If you have an office job, get into the habit of a walk on your lunch hour, or a run before or after work.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

ACCUMULATING more debt is causing you to go into emotional free fall. You've got to start questioning why you're on a shopping spree. Linking your self worth to your economic health is a drastic mistake. Volunteering for a good cause can cause your confidence to come soaring back.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

IT feels like everybody is tugging on your sleeve, leaving you no time for fun. You simply have no time to spare. Maybe it's because you've overextended. Are you performing these duties out of necessity, or are you getting some sick satisfaction from being a martyr?

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

GOING against your beliefs could land you in trouble. Sure, it's fun going along with a wild person's suggestions, but at the end of the day, you can't believe all the destruction you've caused. Be especially careful about getting romantically involved with somebody who has a partner.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR social life is getting busy, prompting you to wonder when you'll find any down time. The answer is never unless you make some changes. Stop accepting every invitation that comes your way. Above all, schedule solitary evenings so you can recharge your batteries.

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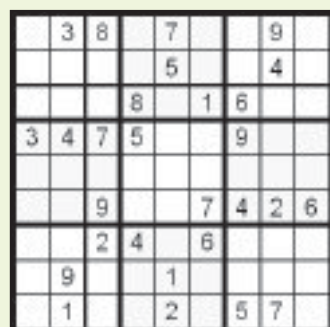
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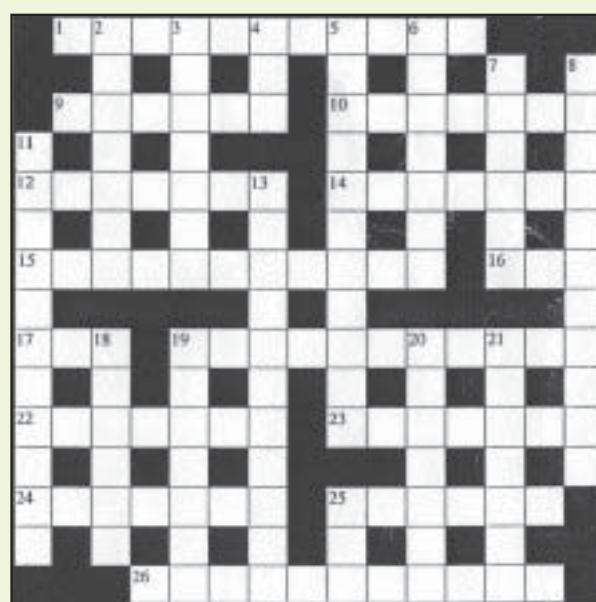
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16 President somewhat warlike (3)  
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25 South American nut (6)  
26 May with pleasure include luminosity initially, that is what this gives

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- 2 An offer lady shortly made for African port (7)  
3 Public transport limitations (7)  
4 Young man of 50 now (3)  
5 Potentially shocking slippery customer (8,3)  
6 Splashed oil near wing-flap (7)  
7 Animal a US soldier catches out (6)  
8 Myra moved keyboard instrument onto old boat (4,7)  
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13 Said too much it was not true (11)  
18 Start before green (3,3)  
19 Greek wine retains sparkle (7)  
20 Timothy gets contagious fear mostly from drums (7)  
21 Churlish expecting fall in Stock Market prices (7)  
25 Extra greeting? Not half perhaps (3)

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9 Piazza (6)  
10 Impossibly ideal (7)  
12 Speaking (7)  
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15 Memory (11)  
16 Garden tool (3)  
17 Donkey (3)  
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22 Improve a photo perhaps (5,2)  
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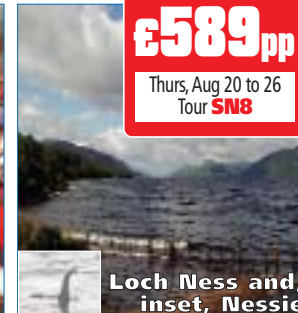
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BY LIAM CREEDON

OFF the north-east tip of Scotland, Shetland raises hairs on the neck of any seasoned birdwatcher.

These barren spits of land are hemmed in by the raging North Sea and left almost treeless by harsh Arctic winds. But during spring and autumn, birds rarely seen in mainland Britain can turn up on Shetland.

Made up from some 100 islands, the Shetland archipelago stretches 70 miles towards the Arctic. It is quicker to fly from London to Milan than to Sumburgh, the islands' tiny airport.

The Scandinavian influence is profound, from the residents' sing-song accents to the local

## Welcome to a twitcher's paradise

place names. Yell, Unst, Gutcher, Skaw and Noss sound more like the mating noises of amorous Vikings than islands or towns.

The capital, Lerwick, serves the vital fish and oil industries that dominate Shetland life.

In Lerwick's harbour we spied one reason why Shetland is renowned as a wildlife paradise. Bobbing alongside fishing boats was a pair of black guillemots – rare on the mainland but ten-a-penny on Shetland.

The land is magically free of the noise that dominates the mainland, with the fluting calls

of moorland birds and the mournful wailing of curlews creating a constant, tuneful backdrop.

After sampling locally-caught fish at haunted Busta House Hotel we headed by boat for Unst at Shetland's northern tip to Muckle Flugga – the UK's most northerly lighthouse.

The isolated rocky coast is a magnet for seabirds. Puffins whizzed past our tiny boat, while black guillemots, known locally as tysties, and razorbills clattered into the sea.

Back on dry land, we walked to the edge of the sea-cliffs on the Hermaness nature reserve

for a different perspective on Shetland's nesting seabirds.

The great skua is known to birders across the UK by its Shetland name – bonxie – the ASBO kid of the bird world.

We tried to work out the safe distance to stand to watch a female on her nest.

In seconds she turned a coal-black eye on us, screamed and launched off the ground. Suddenly the air was a rush of talons, feathers and the screams of terrified tourists.

We retreated to the cliff-edge to watch the more friendly puffins feeding their young.

"Ladies and gentlemen, killer whales!" said our guide, Brydon Thomason, drawing our attention to the vast, flat expanse of the North Sea beyond the cliff-edge.

Looking through Brydon's telescope, I could see about nine killer whales dipping and shying into the waves.

The sight was electrifying – to witness huge predators in their element was extraordinary, typifying what a trip to Shetland is all about.

We retreated to sample more local seafood, swilled down with Shetland beer from the Valhalla Brewery on Unst.

Tourism on Shetland feels like an afterthought, with a lack of quality restaurants and accommodation, but the incredible natural spectacle on offer makes this a world-class tourist destination in its own right.

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The Shetland Isles have a population of around 22,000. Located more than 200 miles off the north-east coast of Scotland, Shetland is closer to the Faroe Islands and is part of the division between the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

Liam Creedon flew with Atlantic Airways, which operates a twice-weekly summer service (Friday and Monday) to Sumburgh from Stansted. Return fares this year started at £167.

He stayed at Busta House Hotel, in Brae – a waterside hotel dating back to 1588 – the former RAF radar station Saxa Vord and Bressay Lighthouse.

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### Who's online checking the cost of your home?

DESPITE tumbling house values, people across the UK are obsessed by the cost of real estate, according to a recent survey. And the ready availability of property news across the internet is one of the ways people fuel their obsession.

Almost seven in 10 look at property online, even when they are not in the market to move house, the study found.

The poll also revealed 12 per cent of homeowners confessed they used the internet to check the value of property belonging to friends and neighbours.

On average, five per cent said they wanted to know what colleagues' homes were worth, too.

Those aged 25 to 34 were the most fixated on property prices, with eight in ten regularly looking at homes for sale even if they had no intention to buy.

They were also the nosiest age group, with more than one in six (17 per cent) checking the price of friends' homes and one in eight (13 per cent) investigating colleagues' properties.

In this age group, 63 per cent said they looked out of curiosity, while 29 per cent wanted to gauge a good time to move.

The survey of 1,399 subjects by an independent research company found on average people spent 55 minutes per month looking online at property.

The poll also found one in 10 logged on to see how their house was doing in investment terms.

### HCA initiative aims to get investors onboard

THE Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has set up a new initiative to encourage investors such as pension funds into the private rented sector.

The Private Rented Sector Initiative (PRSI) aims to provide an opportunity for low-risk investment.

It will target unsourced investors, such as overseas investors and pension funds, in a bid to "kick-start stalled schemes and lead to a significant increase in high-quality new homes for rent".

Sir Bob Kerslake, chief executive of the agency, said: "To date, achieving scale has been one of the main barriers to attracting institutional investors into the housing sector.

"We believe there is an opportunity now for the HCA to work with developers and housebuilders to offer a pipeline of projects for the PRSI, which could eventually result in a positive outcome for all stakeholders."



# Homes more affordable for UK first-time buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

HOME affordability for first-time buyers – known as FTBs – has improved "substantially" since 2007, according to the Halifax review of the market.

This takes into account the prospects of people who are looking to join the first rung of the housing ladder in the next month or so.

The survey was released earlier this month and is seen as a key barometer of how the market is looking.

It examined the average earnings and the average cost of first-time homes in areas, dividing them up by local authority.

It found that the number of areas where the average price paid by an FTB was affordable increased to 21 per cent.

This compared with just six per cent in the third quarter of 2007.

Therefore the number of local authorities in the UK where housing was affordable to FTBs more than trebled in the last 18 months, with the house-price-to-earnings ratio now lower than it has been for six years, down 26 per cent since the summer of 2007.

The proportion of disposable income used to pay for a mortgage also decreased, which the Halifax attributed to falling house prices teamed with low interest rates.

#### Improvement

Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax, said: "There has been a marked improvement in housing affordability for potential first-time buyers in many parts of the UK over the past 18 months.

"This trend continued in the first three months of 2009. The significant reductions in house prices, relative to average earnings, has resulted largely from the decline in house prices since the autumn of 2007.

"As a result, housing is at its most affordable, on this key measure, for more than six years."

Despite the improvement in affordability, the number of FTBs is still at a very low level, according to the survey.

And although things are set to get better, according to analysts who have studied the recent trends, this may not be for some time.

Mr Ellis added: "Conditions in the housing market are likely to be tough during the rest of 2009 despite improvements in affordability.

"Increasing unemployment, low consumer confidence and the effects of the continuing dislocation of the financial markets on the availability of mortgage finance are all likely to exert downward pressure on the market.

"House prices are expected to decline again in 2009. Prospective first-time buyers should factor the likelihood of further house price falls into their calculations when deciding whether or not to buy."



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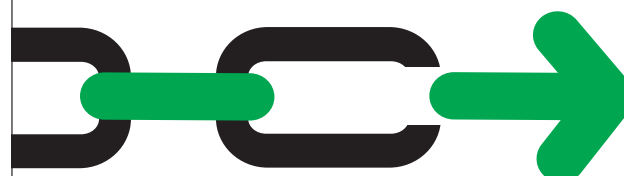
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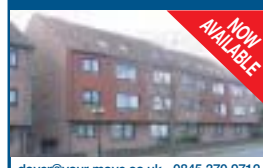
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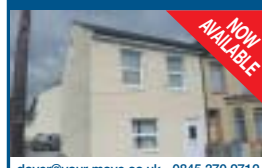
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Motoring icon plans a big 50th birthday party

MINI fans globally are celebrating the motoring icon's 50th birthday.

The very first car, a Mini Minor in Old English White, is on display at the original plant in Cowley, Oxford – home to the modern day Mini re-created by BMW. Cowley produced Minis from 1959 to 1968, before production of the original switched to Longbridge, Birmingham.

There will also be a birthday festival at the Silverstone race circuit from May 22-24, featuring a line-up of bands and other entertainment.



### Big savings to be made with scrap-happy deals

VAUXHALL – one of the UK motor market's big hitters – has waded into the battle for scrappage deals.

On top of the Government-backed £2,000 grant available to buyers eligible to scrap their old car in exchange for a new one, Vauxhall is offering extra cash/cash-backs and zero per cent finance in certain cases. A British-built Astra Life 1.4 hatchback, for instance qualifies for a total saving of £5,870, while the sought after Corsa (pictured) supermini range qualifies for nought per cent finance for three years.



### Citroën's surefooted recession-buster MPV

FOR motorists wrong-footed by recession, Citroën says it offers a "surefooted response" – the Nemo Multispace.

This capacious 60+mpg, sub £10,000 family recession-buster MPV emits just 119g/km in CO2 emissions and comes with a further sweetener: would-be customers can part exchange their pre-2000 registered car through Citroën's £2,000 'Scrappage Incentive' and drive away a new Nemo for just £7,995. There is just the choice of a 1.4-litre petrol or diesel engine and one generous trim level.



**OUT ON ITS OWN:** It's wrong to pitch the Epica against the more upmarket Vauxhall Insignia; rather it should be judged against rivals such as the Dodge Avenger and Kia Magentis

# Chevy's epic proportions hide some epic surprises

CHEVY'S family car contender matches its name – the Epica has epic proportions and surprises in equal measure.

At first glance it seems a ponderous and clumsily finished 'Yank Tank', but closer inspection shows it is better than that and, like all Chevys for the UK, comes from Korea.

The big surprise is handling. The Epica is some way from the classic big Yank 'sedan' that corners like a spongy bedstead. It can still deliver the comfort preferred by the US market, but makes a decent fist of country lanes even if it will never be a sportster.

In any case, with list prices from just above £14,000 – and local dealers have new cars available for less than 11 – it is wrong to pitch the Chevy against the state-of-the-art Ford Mondeo or the Epica's more upmarket General Motors' stablemate, the Vauxhall Insignia.

Instead, it should be judged and voted tops against other US and Korean rivals such as the Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Avenger and the Kia Magentis and Hyundai Sonata.

Don't bother with the six-cylinder 2.0-litre

## ROAD TEST CHEVROLET EPICA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

petrol entry option though – most buyers go for the four-pot 2.0-litre diesel tested here.

It is smooth with the low and mid-range punch needed for this big wagon and yet impressively economical, making the car a favourite with taxi operators and the caravan set, rather than image-conscious private buyers and company car executives.

Cabin quality is better than small Chevys on the market and even quite luxurious, with a functional layout. Leather seats on our flagship LT model felt smart and comfortable with rear passengers getting acres of space and a sizeable armrest to lounge against. It is a bit like taking your sofa on the road and only seems to be lacking a drink cabinet.

The seat backs also flop forward to allow long items to be carried, though the boot itself is immense.

In Chevy fashion, standard kit is generous: junior LS trim brings air con, cruise control, electric windows all round, alloys, leather covered steering wheel, powered mirrors and an MP3 sound input. My main complaint was the slightly vague five-speed manual gearbox on the diesel test car – the six-speed auto 'box could be the better buy.



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# USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

## CONVERTIBLES

OPEN-TOP motors are a good way to dispel the gloom of recession and prices have eased too as some hard-pressed buyers seek to liquidate rolling assets. That extends even to the growing breed of folding hardtop or 'coupé convertible' (CC) models that offer better looks and security. This week's used buys feature two of this type, but also check out the Mazda MX-5, available in classic ragtop or CC format and the car that did more than any other to make Britain a top market for convertibles – despite the weather.

### MAZDA MX-5



NOW into its third generation, the original MX-5 was inspired by classic British Triumph, MG and Lotus sports cars and given Japanese reliability. Sometimes criticised for a lack of outright power, the MX-5 is more famous for its beautifully balanced handling. Models hold their value well, although an influx of 'Eunos' used imports from Japan drove down prices for the Lotus-lookalike MkI and the latest MkIII offers beefier looks and the most creature comforts, if you can stretch the budget.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### VAUXHALL ASTRA



VAUXHALL surprised everybody with the success of the original Astra convertible and followed up with the brilliant Astra TwinTop – the name inspired by the electronic folding metal roof. Both four-seaters are good looking with roof up or down and the TwinTop is a particularly good achievement when so many of its coupé convertible rivals look ungainly or 'boot heavy'. As with many 'chopped' hatchback convertibles, there is some body flex on both models, but don't let this break a deal.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### PEUGEOT 206CC



MERCEDES pioneered new generation folding metal roof convertibles with the SLK in the 1990s, but Peugeot brought the type to the mass market with the big-selling and plentiful 206CC. Based on the French marque's 206 hatchback and biggest seller ever, the 206CC even had two seats in the back although it should never be considered anything more than a 2+2. While relatively affordable, there have also been reliability problems with the temperamental roof mechanism.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★



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**TRANSIT**, Low Roof Van Tdi 85ps, ng06roh, swb, white, 32000 miles, £5990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

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**JAZZ**, 1.4i-DSi SE Sport 5dr CVT-7, gk53mup, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:10, silver, 31000 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**GETZ**, 1.1 GSi 3dr, gf05cwu, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, insurance group:3, red, 40000 miles, £3495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**A150**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, polar silver metallic, 5000 miles, £15332, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A150**, Avantgarde SE Manual 3 DR Avantgarde SE, 2005, saturn red, 38483 miles, £9865, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**A160**, 5dr Classic SE, 2009, cosmos black metallic, 3000 miles, £14498, Canterbury, 0845 481 6437 (TRADE)

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**A160 CDI**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, mistral blue, 5000 miles, £14980, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A160 CDI**, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, cosmos black metallic, 5000 miles, £15480, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

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**B180 CDI**, MAV SE, 2008, horizon blue metallic, 10580 miles, £16250, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

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**Closing Date is Monday 1 June**

Please send a LARGE SAE for an application pack to the address below clearly indicating which post you are interested in.

**Debbie Terzyski, Laleham Gap School, Northdown Park Road,  
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## The Folkestone academy

Required for September 2009

**TEACHER OF ADDITIONAL  
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MPS

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**Closing date: Monday 18 May at 5pm**  
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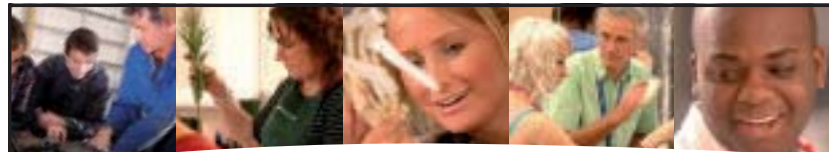
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## Sandwich start season with defeat

SANDWICH Town 2nd XI began the cricket season with a disappointing five wicket defeat at home to Beckenham in Kent League Division One 2nd XI.

The home side elected to bat first, but found runs hard to come by as Beckenham's bowlers gave little away. Sandwich were restricted to 168 for eight. Matthew Grice's 47 proved crucial in Beckenham's reply, helping his side home with five overs to spare.

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Mark Stimson looks back on his own play-off experiences as player and manager

# Hythe denied opening day win by Tenterden

HYTE began the new cricket season with a losing draw missing out on victory by 14 runs against Tenterden on Saturday.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat, which proved to be a good decision as Christopher Vernon (47), Andrew Crawford (34) and Timir Chanda (45) put Tenterden in a solid position with good knocks.

The tail held firm despite an impressive spell from Hythe bowler Ben Dwyer, who was the pick of the attack after claiming three for 46.

Tenterden finished their 50 overs with the score 221-8, leaving Hythe with a large task in hand to clinch victory.

## CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Jon Smith looked to have brought Hythe back into the match as he hit 72 before falling to the bowling of Chanda. Hythe slowly closed in on the total set with Leon Morgan and Tim Pichowski both notching 30s.

However, the game was decided in the final overs. Hythe's chances of victory were dashed as they ran out of overs, finishing 14 runs shy on 207-9, but the last wicket partnership between Tim Pichowski (30 not out) and Dan Large (0 not out) ensured they didn't lose.



HONOURS EVEN: Hythe came agonisingly close to a win in their first game

## Kent League Division One

Hythe 1st XI v Tenterden 1st XI

### Tenterden

	Runs
Daniel McDonald b Dwyer	15
Andrew Crawford b Squire	34
Christopher Vernon ct Furnival b Morrison	47
Paul Brann b Pearson	10
Timir Chanda b Dwyer	45
Robert Featherstone ct Dwyer b Morrison	1
Tyler Griffin run out	1
Tim Curteis b Dwyer	21
Mark Brann not out	3
Ben Dwyer b Chanda	13
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Christopher Duncombe lbw b Bessant	8
Dan Large not out	0

Extras (19b 5lb 15w 5nb) ..... 44  
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 221

### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ben Dwyer	10	1	46	3
Dan Large	5	0	31	0
Daniel Patching	8	1	21	0
Trevor Squire	5	1	21	1
Hamish Morrison	13	4	40	2
Jago Pearson	9	1	31	1

### Hythe

	Runs
Jon Smith ct Daking b Chanda	72
Leon Morgan lbw b Curteis	33
Jago Pearson st McDonald b Bessant	17
Daniel Patching ct McDonald b Brann	0
Dan Furnival ct Griffin b Bessant	1
Tim Pichowski not out	30
Trevor Squire ct Daking b Chanda	8
Ben Dwyer b Chanda	13
Hamish Morrison b Chanda	4
Christopher Duncombe lbw b Bessant	8
Dan Large not out	0

Extras (3b 3lb 10w 1nb) ..... 17  
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 207

### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Timir Chanda	14	3	47	4
Ben Daking	4	0	34	0
Simon Bessant	12	2	42	3
Tim Curteis	15	1	58	1
Mark Brann	5	0	16	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Lordwood 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

SANDWICH Town were on the end of a heavy six wicket defeat at the hands of Lordwood in their opening game of the Premier League season.

Sandwich only managed to put 151 runs on board, with Darren Scott inflicting most of the damage ending with figures of five for 39. Lordwood eased past the total with 11 overs to spare.

#### Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	ct David Masters b Daniel Masters
Michael Beaumont	lbw b Iles
Robert Goatham	ct Scott b Cross
Vishal Singh	ct Greaves b Scott
Michael Williams	ct Thompson b Scott
David Scoggins	ct Cruz b Masters
James Bolt	st Cruz b Cross
Gavin Lawrence	ct Masters b Scott
Matthew van Poppel	lbw b Scott
Craig Spanton	not out
Jack Bradley	ct Pattenden b Scott

Extras (3b 7lb 3w 5nb) ..... 18  
Total (all out, 49.5 overs) ..... 151

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Masters	12	2	30	2
Matt Iles	7	4	8	1
Chris Thompson	6	0	19	0
Richard Cross	10	1	45	2
Darren Scott	14.5	2	39	5

#### Lordwood

	Runs
Chris Thompson	lbw b Spanton
Alan Pattenden	run out van Poppel
David Masters	lbw b Spanton
Peter Stock	not out
Lyndon Lockhart	ct Lawrence b Bradley
Jeremy Greaves	not out
Matt Iles	did not bat
Efren Cruz	did not bat
Darren Scott	did not bat
Richard Cross	did not bat
Daniel Masters	did not bat

Extras (1b 4lb 4w 4nb) ..... 13  
Total (4 wickets, 39.2 overs) ..... 152

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	12	3	28	2
Jack Bradley	8	1	45	1
Matthew van Poppel	9	1	30	0
Robert Goatham	8	0	26	0
Craig Snell	2.2	0	18	0

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Sibton Park 1st XI v Catford & Cyphers 1st XI

STEVEN Rowe starred with the ball helping Sibton Park to a two wicket victory against Catford & Cyphers.

Catford batted first and provided little resistance to Sibton's bowling attack, as they bowled the visitors out for 126 after 32 overs. Rowe was the pick of the bowlers with figures of three for 18. Sibton chased down Catford's total to win with four overs remaining.

#### Catford and Cyphers

	Runs
Charlie Packard	lbw b Rowe
Kyle Perera	lbw b Lewis
David Colbey	run out Rowe
Ken Dives	run out Rowe
Jeffrey Douglas	lbw b Allon
Mark Elliott	ct Carberry b Smith
David Cayle	b Rowe
Omar Clarke	ct Hickmott b Smith
Tariq Saeed	b Allon
Howard Chambers	not out
Patrick Henry	ct Allon b Rowe

Extras (13lb 15w 2nb) ..... 30  
Total (all out, 32.5 overs) ..... 126

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	8.5	0	18	3
Trevor Lewis	7	0	30	1
Tim Smith	9	1	41	2
Andy Allon	8	2	24	2

#### Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter	lbw b Henry
Andy Allon	b Douglas
James Keeler	lbw b Elliott
Ben Carberry	lbw b Douglas
Steve Hickmott	lbw b Douglas
Martin Wren	ct Packard b Douglas
Steve Hobbs	b Dives
Steven Rowe	lbw b Elliott
Sam Newman	not out
Tim Smith	not out
Trevor Lewis	did not bat

Extras (9lb 11w) ..... 20  
Total (8 wickets, 42.2 overs) ..... 129

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jeffrey Douglas	16	3	49	4
Patrick Henry	6	1	26	1
Ken Dives	14	5	24	1
Mark Elliott	6.2	1	21	2

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Offham 1st XI v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

LEONARD Watt and Jamie Towe were the stars of the show in an entertaining Division Five encounter at Offham.

Offham batted first and made a promising start with Watt plundering 119 runs early on, but he was the only batsman who provided any resistance to Jamie Towe who took seven for 54. Betteshanger hung on in the end, finishing on 220-9.

#### Offham CC

	Runs
Graham Razey	ct D Towe b C Towe
Tom Gittings	ct J Towe b J Towe
Leonard Watt	ct Fletcher b J Towe
Ben Gittings	ct McNicolas b J Towe
Nathan Faulkes	b J Towe
Andrew Stuart	ct Garton b King
Lawrence Bell	b J Towe
Mervyn Brooker	b McNicolas
Tony Rajaratnam	not out
Andrew Prescott	b J Towe
Simon Hallbrook	ct M Towe b J Towe

Extras (10b 5lb 3w) ..... 18  
Total (all out, 49.4 overs) ..... 246

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicolas	15	2	60	1
Jamie Towe	13.4	0	54	7
Steven King	10	1	63	1
Clive Towe	6	1	41	1
Liam Collins	5	2	13	0

#### Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe	b Watt
Chris Carton	ct Faulkes b Watt
Liam Collins	ct Rajaratnam b Razey
Joffy Towe	ct Hallbrook b Razey
Jamie Towe	ct Watt b Brooker
Andrew McNicolas	ct Prescott b Hallbrook
Darren Fletcher	b Rajaratnam
Derek Towe	not out
Steve McNicolas	ct Stuart b Rajaratnam
Steven King	b Watt
Matthew Towe	not out

Extras (7b 8lb 11w) ..... 26  
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 220

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	14	3	41	3
Tony Rajaratnam	12	3	57	2
Graham Razey	13	0	67	2
Simon Hallbrook	7	3	26	1
Mervyn Brooker	4	0	14	1

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

The Mote 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

THE MOTE'S bowlers proved to be the difference between the two sides as Folkestone fell to an opening day defeat.

Openers Matthew White and Tom Harvey put on 77 for the first wicket but wickets fell regularly as The Mote were bowled out for 187.

Folkestone were eventually bowled out for just 123 with Laurence Waters and Glen Aukett taking four wickets each.

#### The Mote

	Runs
Matthew White	run out
Tom Harvey	c & b Khanagha
James Hodgson	lbw b Khanagha
Daniel Thirkell	b Currie
Chris Back	ct Graham b Khanagha
Laurence Waters	ct Hark b Currie
Ed De Lucy	ct Bourne b James
Glen Aukett	not out
Kym Daley	ct Graham b Bray
Alex Fordham	b Bray
Danny Rowe	b Currie

Extras (5w 2nb) ..... 7  
Total (all out, 49.5 overs) ..... 187

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andy Bray	12	3	51	2
Michael James	14	2	50	1
Joshua Bryen	8	1	21	0
Sher Khanagha	6	0	23	3
Ryan Currie	9.5	0	42	3

#### Folkestone

	Runs
Luke Sage	st Fordham b Waters
David Miles	b Aukett
Andy Bourne	ct Aukett b Waters
Joshua Bryen	lbw b Waters
Sher Khanagha	lbw b Waters
Laurence Ward	lbw b Aukett
Liam Mark	ct Back b Aukett
Stewart Graham	not out
Andy Bray	ct De Lucy b Daley
Ryan Currie	c & b Daley
Michael James	lbw b Aukett

Extras (1b 6lb 5w 1nb) ..... 13  
Total (all out, 34.2 overs) ..... 123

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Kym Daley	9	3	28	2
Laurence Waters	15	6	61	4
Glen Aukett	8.2	1	25	4
James Hodgson	2	0	2	0



# Westcombe hand victory to Deal on a plate

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



**ON TARGET:** Martin Robinson's conversions kept the score ticking over for Deal & Betteshanger

DEAL & Betteshanger finished the season off in style by clinching the Kent Plate with a comfortable victory against Westcombe Park at Aylesford's Jack Williams Ground on Sunday.

The Lions were put under pressure immediately by Westcombe Park, but once they settled into the game Deal & Betteshanger took control.

A brace of tries from Luke Armstrong, both converted by Martin Robinson gave Deal the lead 20 minutes into the first half.

Deal & Betteshanger continued to press forward and extended their lead with two further tries from Wesley Bull and John De Roebeck.

Westcombe Park began a fight back in the second half, scoring two tries, but the Lions

## RUGBY

**Deal & Betteshanger 26  
Westcombe Park 14**

defence kept their nerve to see out a 26-14 victory.

Lions coach Dave Robbins felt his side thoroughly deserved their success in the competition at the end of a long season.

He said: "The Plate competition wasn't something we targeted at the start of the season, but we are delighted to win it. The boys have been outstanding all season and I am glad they have got something to celebrate."

## FOOTBALL



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**IN TALKS:** Neil Cugley looking at four new players

## Cugley has his sights set on new players

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley is in talks with four players about joining his squad for next season.

Last month the Seaside's boss announced his squad from last season were happy to stay on for another year. It leaves Cugley only needing to make minor additions during the close season.

Invicta's young side suffered from a lack of experience at times last term and combating that is top of the wish-list for the Cheriton Road boss, who has targets in mind.

He told the club's website: "Three of the four are locally based and one lives not too far away which is what we want, so we can have them in training twice a week. I can't reveal names but I'd say they are experienced players but fairly young - they are all players who I think would improve our squad."

The priority is to strengthen the squad's attacking options, with two strikers among the players in talks with the club.

# Hess denies Crofts will be next signing at Crabbie

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

ANDY Hessenthaler admitted it would be highly unlikely for Dover Athletic to sign out-of-contract Gillingham midfielder Andrew Crofts for next season.

Speculation surrounds who will join Dover for the Blue Square South campaign, as talks with a number of transfer targets continue.

One name linked with a move to Dover on the club's forum, is former Gillingham captain Crofts. The 24-year-old is out of contract and set to be released from Gillingham at the end of the season.

However, Hessenthaler believes Crofts is too good to drop down to Blue Square South, but admitted he is close to signing a couple of additions to his squad.

He said: "Obviously from my time at Gillingham I know Andy well, but I still think he can play at a decent level in the Football League for many years to come. It would be unlikely from him to drop down two divisions."

"Transfer talks have been progressing well and we might be able to announce a new signing this week."

Two names also linked with a move to the club are Welling United striker Charlie Sheringham, who Hessenthaler tried to bring to Crabbie last year and Crystal Palace goal-



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

**NEW DEAL:** Dover striker Frannie Collin (pictured) is expected to put pen to paper on a new contract at Crabbie this week

keeper David Wilkinson, who completed two loan spells at Dover.

Hess has been delighted by the response from his Ryman Premier League championship winning squad, after six players have signed new contracts.

James Rogers, Sam Gore, John Keister, Jon Wallis, Lee Browning and Matt Fish have extended their stay at Crabbie and Hessenthaler expects more to follow suit.

He added: "It is very pleasing to see the majority of my squad sign up so early. I am hoping to get my squad together as soon as possible and am glad they want to continue with the club after the success of the last two seasons."

"The players are on holiday at the moment, but I am expecting the likes of Alan Pouton, Frannie Collin and Shaun Welford to get in touch with me about their futures soon."

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